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Work and Workers

College Notes, Personals and full report of the Commencement Exercises will be given in next week's paper.

A out of the Falls City church, with a brief historical sketch prepared by Brother Maust, appears in this issue of the paper.

At the Bethel church, Indiana, Brother Summers recently received five members into fellowship on confession and the rite of baptism.

The article on "Educational Values," by brother W. G. Gans, appeared in the Franklin Review, a paper published by the school of which Brother Gans is the principal.

The poem "A Summer Night" in the home department was written by a girl of thirteen. It shows some poetical talent the development of which should be given some attention.

Brother V. R. Miller who has taken charge of the New Paris, Indiana, congregation, sends us a neat card with special invitation and his portrait on one side, on the other side suitable scripture references.

The article "Retrospective" by Brother Holsinger was originally intended for the Doctrinal number of the EVANGELIST, but having been received too late for that issue we gladly give it space in this number.

Notes on topics for two different Sundays are published this week in the young people's department. It is hoped that the topic with notes for June 8, tho a week later than usual, may yet be of use to our societies.

The Zion Hill church, thru its pastor, reports one accession by baptism. Brother Braker with the pastor will conduct a short series of meetings in that congregation in this month and assist in a communion service.

The article by Brother Ditch on the "Grace of Giving" in dialog form is something out of the ordinary and will no doubt bring some fresh truths home to the hearts and minds of some who may have thought differently.

Brother Lichty reports a prosperous church at Falls City, Nebraska, of which he is a member and one of the leading spirits. It is universally true that as soon as a church reaches out beyond the limits of its own local needs God rewards the effort with new blessings and prosperity.

Brother J. B. Wampler reports one accession by confession and baptism at Blanco, Pa. Recently Brother Wampler visited Cherryhill congregation, preached four sermons, baptized two, and one restored to former relationships. The pastor of this

church is Brother Berkeybile and he is doing good work.

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Brother V. R. Miller writes: "The Darwin church is in a prosperous condition at present. The former pastor, Brother Bemenderfer, left it in good working order." At his last appointment Brother Miller received one member into fellowship.

Some one asks us whether Christ is a stumbling block. Paul speaks of the gospel as a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks. In that sense Christ is a stumbling block to those who love this world more than they love heavenly things.

At his several appointments Brother Hopkins recently baptized and received into the church more than a dozen applicants, some of whom have already been reported. He has been called to serve the Sidney church as pastor. Brother Hopkins does faithful service wherever his field of labor may be.

The church at Lordsburg, California, deserves the name of "hustler." Brother Schisler has a little band of faithful workers and their service is telling in the community in which they live. A church membership that will build an addition to an aged minister's house in a single day is to be made a note of.

Brother Bauman reports four accessions to the Philadelphia church. He is a busy pastor as will be seen from his communication published elsewhere. The establishment of a strong church as center for the development of missionary activities, and from this center reach out and build up the waste places round about, is not only a common sense method of work but it has the precedent and sanction of the apostolic church.

Sister Mollie Gans writes that the EVANGELIST has been very good but she misses so much the articles by Brethren Gillin and Tombaugh. She will be pleased to note that Brother Gillin has resumed his work of contributing New York Notes. As for Brother Tombaugh we can not say, but we think he intends to complete the series of letters on his trip to Europe. We are quite sure that by so doing he will greatly delight all the readers of the paper.

A brother writes us that Peru, Indiana, would be one of the very best places in the brotherhood to start a mission as there are now from 30 to 40 members in the city and with a good pastor and regular service a strong church could be built up in a few years. This item is referred to the Indiana Mission Board. But then the members of that Board already know about these places and no doubt they would be taken care of if the needs were supplied, *men and money*.

After reading EVANGELIST No. 21, containing "An Appreciation" by Brother Moomaw, brother D. J. Myers says, "Will you please ask the readers of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST in next number to read this article. What he says is so true and of such importance that I wish every member of the Tunker fraternity would read it and act accordingly." The reader will please turn to his file of the EVANGELIST if he has such a file and look up the article and read it carefully if he has not already read it.

Even some saloon keepers have regard for the "eternal fitness of things," as witness for instance the following advertisement in a daily paper:

NICK LIES

SALOON

Wines and Liquors.

What better combination could there be than the name of this saloon keeper suggests? With the first name the idea of the "old nick" is suggested, and with the other his principal business the "father of lies."

Up to this time the colony at Sunnyside, Washington, has succeeded in keeping out the saloon altogether. This speaks well for them, and we hope they may continue to keep that particular department of the devil's work out for a long time to come. Some conscienceless saloon keeper will be looking that way pretty soon, but so long as the colony continues to add to its number such as have decided convictions in reference to the saloon there is not much danger of any other element getting control of affairs.

A very successful pastor writes that while the work is progressing nicely yet it is not going forward with the vim he would like to see manifested. Possibly, he says, if he could have more power the church would have more power also. He thinks if he could exile two or three grumblers the work would be much more pleasant and the results much better. We incline to the opinion that the experience of this pastor is the experience of many others. One or two grumblers or mischief makers take most of the pleasure out of what would otherwise be the most enjoyable work.

The work in California is what would be called in business on a "boom." Brother Darling recently held a meeting at East Union resulting in three accessions, and at Berryessa he closed a meeting with ten accessions. The latter place has given him a call to become its pastor which he has accepted. He has resigned his position with the Mission Board of that State, and we presume expects now to devote his time largely to pastoral work. At Berryessa there is a nucleus for the building up of a strong congregation, and this we have every reason to believe Brother Darling will do.

The readers of the EVANGELIST will welcome the return of Brother Gillin's weekly notes. From this week's notes we reprint this paragraph. "And I wonder why it is that so many fertile pens are idle when every week they could be reaching a larger congregation than any gathered in the largest church of our brotherhood." So have we wondered, Brother Gillin. We should like here to mention the names of those who have talent as writers, who could each week talk thru their pens to thousand of people, when they are preaching in their home congregations to hundreds instead of thousands, and perhaps not even to hundreds. Why is it? Do you not find an inspiration in a large congregation? It ought to be an inspiration none the less even tho you can not see the people.

You are conscious of an audience of several thousand when you contribute your thoughts to the EVANGELIST. Then why should you not do it? Last week's paper is an example of what we might have every week if we would. Our church paper needs to be made yet stronger, and this can not be done except by the literary support of those of our brethren and sisters who have talent to write entertainingly and instructively, or both. Let the strong men and women of the church, the men